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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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TAGS: BEXP, FR

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: DIRIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT

1. FEB. 18, 1975, "INTERAVIA AIR LETTER" STATES THAT "ONERA AND CNES, TOGETHER WITH AEROSPATIALE, AERAZUR, AIR-LIQUIDE, CEA, EDF, IFP, RATIER-FOREST, SFENA, SOFRESID, TRANSCONSULT, AND ZODIAC, HAVE SET UP AN ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUP TO STUDY, DEVELOP, AND MANUFACTURE A DIRIGIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF HEAVY AND BULKY LOADS." AIRCRAFT WILL BE NAMED OBELIX AND WILL COMPRISED OF FOUR LARGE BALLOONS, CENTRAL LOAD CARRYING STRUCTURE, AND "EIGHT PROPULSION GROUPS DRIVING 18.9 M DIAMETER ROTORS". ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, ONERA HAS SUBMITTED REPORT TO MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH WHICH, PRESUMABLY, WILL DECIDE WHETHER WORK ON TWO (PROTOTYPICAL) DIRIGIBLES WILL BEGIN BY END OF 1975 WITH FIRST FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR LATE 1978.
2. GRUMMAN CORPORATION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP ON THIS SUBJECT. IF PREVIOUS REPORTS HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED, REFERENCES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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